



# Motivate, Innovate and Create



## Great Resources

### edStudio:

#### Images: Create, Edit & Present

Studio key S472471

This studio is designed to inspire you and give you ideas on ways to use images in the classroom. This studio has been divided into three areas: create, edit and present.

#### Graphic Organisers

Studio key S3347356

Created by David Green

This studio provides teachers with the ability to export pages containing the most popular graphic organisers into their own studios for use in the classroom.

### edTube:

#### Speed Dating with Technology Teacher Drop Zone

Access key A38117772

Created by Miriam Kroker

This album displays a range of videos created by teachers sharing their use of ICT in the classroom.



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## Graphic Organisers

Graphic organisers allow students to extend their knowledge by sorting and organising the information they have collected using a visual form.

There are many sites which allow you to print out a range of graphic organisers, such as [Sanchezclass](#), [Exploratree](#), [Worksheet Library](#), [Freeology](#) or [Holt Interactive Graphic Organizers](#) which provides pdfs you can type into.

You can also use Graphic organisers in edstudio by placing an image from the [Graphic](#)

[organiser album](#) or exporting a page from the [Graphic organiser studio](#). Participants in your studio can add their comments on the studio page once you have made them an author of the page.

There are also great resources available from The Learning Place such as [Graphic organiser toolkit](#).





## Great Resources

### Learning Pathways:

#### Interactive Art Resources

Access key 1202623

This learning pathway provides a range of online resources such as Interactive Sites About Artists, Interactive Art History Timelines Creative Sites, Galleries and Museums.

#### Infographics

Access key 64843481

Infographics, is as the word describes, a combination of information and graphics. They are visual representations of data. It allows the viewer to interpret the information quickly by looking at the combinations of visual images, text and numbers which are often use symbolic images and elements and principles of design such as colour, shape, scale, emphasis, unity and balance.

For more information be sure to click on the orange underlined text which are links.

## Benefit of blogs for teachers

It is great to see teachers taking advantage of the Learning Place blogging tool. There are many benefits associated with writing and reading teacher blogs. They can help to:

### Reflect

- Acknowledge successes
- Identify and learn from failures
- Identify key teaching and learning practices
- Organise and process thoughts

### Communicate

- Share ideas and resources
- Develop a PLN (Professional Learning Network)
- Collect resources
- Give and receive comments

### Learn

- Access new skills and information
- Apply knowledge
- Reinforce understanding
- Develop skills

**Writing your first blog can be daunting for some, here are a few tips to help you get started:**

- Start by reading a few blogs
- Make comments on the blogs to build your confidence.
- Start to plan your first blog post. Do this in a document first as you plan and process your ideas.

### Some ideas:

- Something you are doing in class
- An event
- Useful resource or website you have found and like
- A unit of work which was successful
- An event at your school
- Something you have recently learnt
- Throw out a topic for discussion



Don't forget to check the [OneChannel Calendar](#) for great Professional Development Opportunities.



## Great Apps

### Out and about sight words app - level 1

This link will provide printables and a link to download the great free sight word app.

### Bright Ninja Tells Time

This app offers a fun way to learn how to tell the time. Move up belt levels as you learn.

### WordFoto

This app allows you to add words to an image. There are a few styles to choose from and colour schemes. You select or take a photo. Select or add the words you want and the app then generates the image. The effects look great.

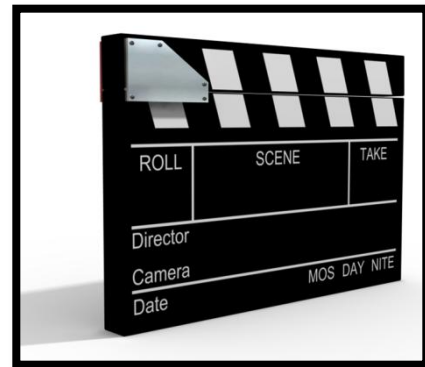


## Stop Motion Animation

Creating Stop Motion Animation can be a great way for students to engage in learning content of any subject area. Stop Motion can be created in different ways. It can be divided into using 2D or 3D materials.

### 2D:

- Whiteboard and whiteboard marker
- Post it notes
- Cut outs, print out characters and make body parts moveable
- Foams letters or magnetic letters (Great for title sequence to add some interest)
- Roll out modelling clay and use cookie cutters



### 3D:

- Modelling clay (Make shapes or characters)
- Toys eg. Legos, action figures
- Objects eg. Stationery, cutlery, buttons, paddle pop sticks
- Create a set out of a box.
- Document change: Set the camera to take photos in intervals and document change eg. The sky, a plant growing etc.

Other resources you will need is a digital camera and a tripod (or a way to keep the camera still) or a webcam. The software you choose is up to you there is a range of free and commercial software available, however, it is possible to create stop motion animations using [Windows Movie Maker](#) which is on your laptop.



An easy way to create characters is to use modelling clay and character pieces.

[Here is an example of a Stop Motion Animation created by a student using a whiteboard.](#)

[For more resources and tutorials on Stop Motion Animation click here to view the Animation resources learning pathway.](#)

Here is a link to a blog with ideas on ways to use animations to help students demonstrate and reinforce their understanding of what they have learnt.

[Using Animations across Subject Areas](#)



### Websites:

There are some fun online sign generators available. A great one to play with is [Glass Giant](#). You simply type in the message you want displayed and the site adds it to an image. It is useful when creating images to use in presentations, work sheets, virtual classrooms or even decorate your classroom walls.

### [Wimp Yourself - Avatar Maker](#)

This is a fun avatar maker where students can create their own characters which follow the 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' theme.

### [World Wonders Project](#)

Here is a great project created by Google using the Street View technology. You can take virtual tours by visiting the wonders of the world.

### [History Pin](#)

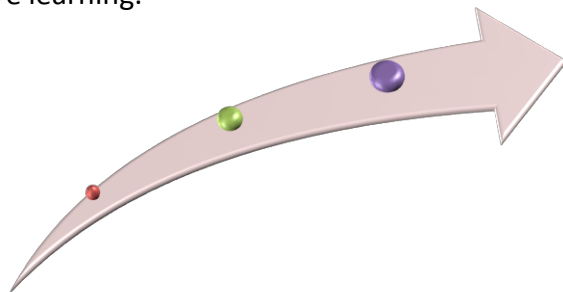
This site combines historical images to maps which add context to the story. You can explore the Collections or create a Collection of your own.

## Interactive Time Lines

One of the great things with digital technology is it can transform resources to become interactive and engaging. There are many interactive timelines which are now available. Some allow you to read and research the history of various topics. There are also sites which allow you to create your own timelines.

[Click here to view the Interactive Time line Learning pathway to explore a range of timelines on various topics.](#)

Interactive timelines often combine images and text and place them in sequence making information easily accessible. There are a range of sites which allow you to create your own or explore timelines others have created. If you choose this option you, as the teacher, you could register and create a timeline as a class which would be a great way for students to demonstrate their understanding of the topic they are learning.



### Learning Place:

There are also learning place resources you can use.

#### edStudio:

You can create an interactive timeline in a studio by adding images and text which 'pop up'. [Click here to see an example](#)

### [Timeline tool](#)

This interactive timeline tool allows students to create, name, save and print timelines. Students can choose a horizontal or vertical layout for the timeline and add text descriptions to events.